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John C. Reed) Group Art Unit: 1632
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For: NOVEL CARD PROTEINS)
INVOLVED IN CELL DEATH)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed
November 5, 2002, entry of the following amendments and remarks
is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 27, 38, 70, 71, 75, 77 to 85
to read as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) An isolated nucleic acid
molecule encoding a NB-ARC and CARD containing protein (NAC),
comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having at
least 80% identity to SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:6, or the
complement of said nucleotide sequence,

wherein said polypeptide forms a CARD domain fold,

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